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As a Portland native, I am concerned about the health of the Willamette River. I am writing today to ask EPA to adopt a clean up plan for the Willamette that includes dredging and removal of the toxic sediment in the Superfund clean up site.

As a member of Audubon Society of Portland, I recommend the following in alignment with their recommendations:

That EPA select Alternative G with additional dredging as recommended by Audubon Society of Portland.

The clean up must result in removal of dredged sediment from the river and disposal of the sediment in an appropriate landfill. Because of the sensitive nature of the waterway, allowing toxic sediment to remain in place, even with capping, is unacceptable.

The parties with liability for polluting the river must be held accountable and must pay, to the full extent of the law, for a comprehensive and effective cleanup of the site.

The plan must result in removal of the Fish Consumption Advisory so that fish from the lower Willamette becomes just as safe to eat as fish from anywhere else in the river. This must be accomplished within a 10-20 year time frame.

When I was a young child, my family ate salmon that my Dad caught in the Willamette River. Because of the contaminants present in the river today, I will not even let my dog swim in the river. The Willamette is the heart of Portland and, when properly respected and cleaned up can once again become a river that Portlanders can be proud of as a shining example of the natural beauty of the Pacific Northwest. Thank you for the opportunity to comment on this very important issue.